

A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Council members present were: Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, Robinson, and Vache.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ives announced the Council will recess to an Executive Session, at the end of the meeting, for approximately five minutes to discuss property acquisition.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Glen Eades, 16109 NE 57 Street, Redmond, member of the Trails Commission and Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, thanked the Council for their work on the Leary Way Bike 520 Project.

Ken Weisenbach, 15810 NE 90 Way, Redmond, indicated his support for the upcoming ballot issues.

Tom Langton, 9316 167 Avenue NE, Redmond, requested Council provide a cost breakdown for the City Hall building on the City's web page and an itemization of programs and costs in the six-year financial plan.

Michelle Huang, 22500 SE 56 Street, Issaquah 98029, urged the Council to write a letter to President Bush denouncing the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China.

Meng Tsang, 5301 164 Avenue SE, Bellevue 98006, distributed packets to the Council regarding the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China. He also urged the Council to write a letter to President Bush.

Maria Marchione, 16532 NE 98 Court, and Logan Dougherty, 17612 NE 110 Way, Cadet Troop 127, presented the Redmond Fire Department with 95 teddy bears to be used to calm frightened children in emergency situations.

Mike Cavanaugh, 9129 126 Avenue, Kirkland, stated his concerns about the impending financial constraints of

the Redmond Fire Department and the impact that may have on service levels.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Cole, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

- (1) approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2006, with the following correction to page 320: Councilmember McCormick asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect her request that the City Council have a joint meeting with the City of Bellevue as well as the annual BROTS meeting this year.

- (2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claim checks:

PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#164667 through #164738 and
#159175 through #159779 \$1,189,559.13

CLAIMS CHECKS:

#313632 through #314020 \$3,057,422.83

- (3) confirm the appointment of Leah Mannhalt, Silver Cloud Inn, to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- (4) approve the award of bid for the Leary Way Bike 520, Project No. 02-CI-19/100158, to Precision Earthworks, Inc. of Lynnwood, Washington, for the bid amount of \$356,592 including sales tax, and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract

The following bids were received:
Precision Earthworks,
Lynnwood, WA \$356,592

Dennis R. Craig Construction, Lynwood, WA	\$361,359
Kemper Construction Corp., Redmond, WA	\$369,680
Road Construction Northwest, Renton, WA	\$374,509
West Coast Construction, Woodinville, WA	\$376,044
Construct Company LLC, Sumner, WA	\$377,279
Westwater Construction, Renton WA	\$449,883
Engineer's Estimate	\$378,031

- (6) approve the acquisition of vacant property at 8050 Avondale Way and a trail easement over property at 8040 Avondale Way for development of a segment of the Bear & Evans Creek Trail & Greenway, Project No. 100813, and authorize the Mayor to execute the purchase and settlement documents

Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0)

WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS FOR 11811 184 AVENUE NE,
OSA 06-001

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated March 21, 2006, recommended the approval of water service outside the city limits based upon provisions made with the Taloor Aye subdivision in accordance with the City of Redmond Water System Plan.

Bill Campbell, City Engineer, explained that the property in question falls within the City of Redmond water service boundary. He said water service extensions are evaluated on location. Approval is generally recommended if it is within Redmond's service area.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to approve water service outside the city limits to 11811 184 Avenue NE via a new water meter connected to a new 8-inch diameter City of Redmond water main, installed from the Taloor Aye subdivision 100-feet east across a portion of the

Harrison property following the route approved by the City of Redmond Water System Plan.

Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0)

REPORTS

Staff Report - Redmond in the Region: Highlight of Regional Activities

The Mayor, in a memorandum to City Council dated March 21, 2006, summarized highlights of Redmond's regional activities.

Councilmember McCormick inquired into why the new Yakima jail facility was not currently being used.

Nina Rivkin, Senior Policy Analyst, stated that there has been a dispute between the consortium of cities that contract with Yakima and the Yakima Department of Corrections. The Executive Committee met with the Yakima Department of Corrections and Yakima County Commissioners and the resulting recommendation was to open the new facility.

Councilmember Robinson asked for details of the compromise agreement regarding the sales tax streamlining legislation.

Jane Christenson, Assistant to the Mayor, reported the compromise agreement included full mitigation for negatively impacted cities. She stated this is expected to be a priority issue at the next legislative session.

OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Marchione reported receiving emails regarding the neighborhood commercial zoning in the North Education Hill Plan, sidewalks on Redmond Way between 140 and 148, and police benefits.

Councilmember Cole reported that the foam on Sammamish River has been determined to be from a natural source and not pollution.

March 21, 2006

RESOLUTION - CALLING FOR SPECIAL ELECTION ON MAY 16, 2006
FOR A PROPERTY TAX LEVY LID LIFT

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated March 21, 2006, recommended approval of the proposed resolution calling for a Special Election on May 16, 2006 for a Property Tax Levy Lid Lift.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Ms. Allen, to approve Resolution No. 1224, calling for the May 16, 2006 property tax levy lid lift election.

Councilmembers made statements in support of the resolution.

Resolution No. 1224, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City at the May 16, 2006 election of a proposition authorizing a levy lid lift to increase the current permanent regular property tax levy rate to a total rate of \$1.88 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation; setting forth the ballot therefore; requesting that the Director of the King County Records, Elections, and Licensing Division declare an emergency to the extent necessary to place the proposition on the May 16, 2006 election; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Allen, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to support a voters' pamphlet.

Councilmembers engaged in a general discussion regarding the preparation of a voters' pamphlet and concluded that the Council needed additional time to discuss the matter.

Motion by Mr. Marchione, second by Mr. Vache, to delay the discussion to support a voters' pamphlet until Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

March 21, 2006

Motion carried (5 - 2) with Cole and
McCormick voting nay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council recessed to an Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss property acquisition for approximately five minutes. The meeting reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor adjourned the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK